1	2	3	4	5
25.	West Bengal	48,672,291	41,699,354	85.67
26.	A & N Islands	258,296	195,072	75.52
27.	Chandigarh	538,607	381,048	70.75
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	111,847	86,800	77.61
29.	Daman & Diu	71,931	45,645	63.46
30.	NCT of Delhi	8,707,531	5,800,683	66.62
31.	Lakshadweep	36,738	31,813	86.59
32.	Pondicherry	658,927	555,675	84.33
33.	Chhattisgarh	12,737,705	5,398,879	42.39
34.	Jharkhand*	—	—	—
35.	Uttaranchal	5,167,525	2,726,709	52.77
	All India Total	626,672,714	402,655,806	64.25

* Included in Bihar. Separate figures for the State are not available.

Note: Programme in Assam and Mizoram is currently not under way as there are disputes regarding illegal immigration and citizenship issues.

Shortage of Judges

395. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the shortage of Judges in various courts in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra has shortfall of 60 Judges; and

(c) whether Government are going to fill-up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The shortage of Judges in various High Courts and in District/Subordinate Courts, State-wise, are as per Statement I and II respectively (*See* below).

(b) As per the available information, there were 173 vacant posts of judges and magistrates in the State of Maharashtra as on 13.7.2001.

(c) Appointment of District Judges and other judges of the subordinate courts is made by the Governor of the State in consultation with the High Court exercising jurisdiction in relation to such State under the provisions of articles 233-234 of the Constitution of India. The Central Government have been periodically urging the State Governments/Union Territories and the High

Courts to accord utmost priority to filling up of vacant posts of judges and magistrates.

The Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs had written to the Chief Justices of all High Courts and Chief Ministers of all States on 4.4.2001 to fill up the existing vacancies on priority. Further, the Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs has also taken up with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra on 5.2.2002, for filling up the existing vacancies in the District/ Subordinate judiciary in his State.

Statement I

Shortage of Judges in Various High Courts

Sl.	High Court	Vacancies in the approved strength
1	Allahabad	44
2	Andhra Pradesh	6
3	Bombay	5
4	Calcutta	10
5	Chhattisgarh	4
6	Delhi	3
7	Gauhati	3
8	Gujarat	9
9	Himachal Pradesh	1
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4
11	Jharkhand	2
12	Karnataka	10
13	Kerala	5
14	Madhya Pradesh	5
15	Madras	10
16	Orissa	2
17	Patna	7
18	Punjab & Haryana	14
19	Rajasthan	4
20	Sikkim	1
21	Uttranchal	4
	TOTAL	153

Statement-II

State-wise details of vacant posts of judicial officers as on 1.6.2001

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of sanctioned posts of Judicial Officers	No. of Judicial Officers As on 1.6.2001	Vacancy Position
1.	Andhra Pradesh	682	661	21
2.	Assam	259	205	54
3.	*Arunachal Pradesh	293	293	0
4.	Bihar	1065	874	191
5.	Jharkhand	533	370	163
6.	Gujarat	636	581	55
7.	Goa	44	39	5
8.	†Haryana	266	233	33
9.	Himachal Pradesh	98	93	5
10	Jammu & Kashmir	156	141	15
11	Karnataka	665	589	76
12	Kerala	370	369	1
13	Madhya Pradesh	798	665	133
14	Chhattisgarh	190	175	15
15	Maharashtra	1280	1107	173
16	Manipur	32	28	4
17	†Meghalaya	7	6	1
18	Mizoram	35	21	14
19	†Nagaland	21	21	0
20	Orissa	483	404	79
21	Punjab	301	279	22
22	Rajasthan	790	663	127
23	Sikkim	12	9	3
24	*Tamil Nadu	692	688	4
25	Tripura	74	55	19
26	Uttar Pradesh	1929	1517	412
27	Uttaranchal	—	—	—
28	West Bengal	588	507	81
29	A&N Islands	8	8	0
30	Chandigarh	19	19	0
31	Delhi	385	239	146
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	2	0
33	†Daman & Diu	2	2	0
34	Lakshadweep	3	3	0
35	Pondicherry	19	14	5
	TOTAL	12,737	10,880	1857

*as on 31.12.1998/ † as on 1.6.2000 (including posts of Special Judicial Magistrates).